



**MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2013
5:30 P.M.**


CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.


ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Angie Barton, and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.


MINUTES:  Minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting were presented for approval. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:  Mayor Pavey said the Fraley Wilker drain project is complete. He said it looks good but there are some areas through some of the residences that may have concerns.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:  **Street** –Commissioner Miller asked for approval to hire Brad Koehler to work on the trash truck 5 days a week from 7:00-12:00 for approximately 20 weeks. McGowan made a motion to hire Koehler for summer help. Jarman seconded the motion. Koehler will begin next Tuesday, May 28th.

 **Police** – Assistant Chief Click said they have conducted the written and physical agility testing for the new hire. They have narrowed the field of applicants down to 12. They are hoping to be ready to interview with the Board the week of June 10-14th. He said they would like to be ready to give the Board their recommendation to hire at the June 18th meeting.

 **Fire** – Chief Jenkins said an inspection has been scheduled for 227-231 North Main on May 28th at 2:00 p.m.

The property at 343 E 10th Street has been removed by owner. Jenkins said he would like to thank Earl Marlatt for removing this property.

Chief Jenkins said a letter has been received from Mr. Harvey in regard to the property at 351 N Arthur Street with a list of requested items he wants from the City.

Jenkins reminded the Board that they allowed 30 days from the May 7th meeting for a resolution.



Animal – Animal Warden Moran asked permission to hire John Steed for a part time position at the shelter. At \$9.00 per hour for no more than 29 hours per week. McGowan made a motion to hire Steed for part time employment. Barton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZEN CONCERNS:



Toby Gilliam came before the Board to voice his concern with property at 714 N Sexton. Gilliam said he put up fence on his property and now the neighbor is using his fence for somewhat of a lien to. The resident at 714 N Sexton has many items on his property such as tires and automobile parts, etc. Gilliam said he has been dealing with this problem since Bob Bridges was Mayor and would like to have clarification as to what he can do. Gilliam said he does not want the neighborhood to look like a trash yard.

Pavey asked the Board of Works for direction on the matter.

Cameron said if this is considered a zoning issue then the Area Plan Commission should be addressing the problem.

Jenkins said if the City should be enforcing this then he needs direction as to where to start. When is it just ordinary trash?


Cameron made a motion to turn the matter over to Brad Berkemeier, the City's representative to the Area Plan Commission, and ask the APC to deal with any zoning violations. Pavey asked the Board what the next option would be when the APC says they don't want to deal with it. Cameron said we need to request an answer from them at the next APC meeting. Jarman asked if a letter has been sent to resident. Street Commissioner Miller said at least 4 letters have been sent. After receiving the letter the property will be cleaned up somewhat and then it goes back the way it was.


Jarman said maybe we need to implement an ordinance stating that if you receive more than one letter then a fine will be assessed. Cameron asked if it is a zoning violation or is it in our ball park.

Newhouse said he doesn't know why the County enforces some issues and not others.



Barton seconded the motion made by Cameron. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **De-Annexation Lila Meyer** –  Pavey said he received a letter from Lila Meyer's attorney stating that she wanted the matter resolved. Pavey recommend tabling the matter. McGowan made a motion to table the matter. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Blue Ribbon Estates Street Dedication** –  The Board agreed to approve the dedication at the last meeting.
3. **Animal Shelter Hiring Process** – This was done under Department Head Reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **16th Street Inspection Proposals** –  Pavey said we have received proposals from 2 companies for inspection on 16th Street. He asked if they wanted to review the 2 that we have or do we want to seek more input? One of the proposals was from Butler Fairman and the other is from Certified which is Jim Reece. BFS is the design engineer for the project. It was the consensus of the Board to seek further proposals.
2. **Police Department Resignation** –  Cameron made a motion to accept the resignation of Jay Griffith as of May 31st. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Jarman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.